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during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Causes of death, malarial fever, 1; phthisis, 1; senile debility, 1; obstruction of bowels, 1; laceration of brain, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 2, steamship *Anselm*; crew, 40; number of passengers from this port, 2; number of passengers in transit, 16; baggage disinfected, 8 pieces; steamship *Geo. Dumois*; crew 19.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec.

QUEBEC, CANADA, *May 11, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 10, there were inspected 928 immigrants; passed, 900; detained, 28. * * *

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANARY ISLANDS.

Teneriffe quarantines against certain ports on account of plague.

TENERIFFE, CANARY ISLANDS, *April 22, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that vessels from the following ports, Buenos Ayres, La Plata, and Rosario, are under strict quarantine in the Canary Islands, on account of the bubonic plague being declared at the above ports; no connections whatsoever with the shore will be allowed. Vessels coming from Cape Town are also under quarantine, but officers and cabin passengers are permitted to land.

Respectfully,

SOLOMON BERLINER,

United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Plague, cholera, and smallpox.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *April 8, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended April 5, 1902.

Eight vessels were inspected, 2 being given supplemental bills of health. Seven hundred and thirty-three individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 939 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected.

The sanitary report for the week ended April 5, 1902, shows that the following diseases occurred in the colony, viz, 2 cases of plague and 2 deaths; 34 cases of Asiatic cholera and 29 deaths; 6 cases of smallpox and 6 deaths; 1 case of diphtheria, and 2 cases of enteric fever.

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Thirteen of the reported cases of cholera occurred aboard the steamship *Hong Moh*, in the harbor. This steamship had but recently arrived from Singapore with several hundred coolies aboard destined for Amoy, China.

Information from Hon. R. W. McWade, United States consul at Canton, dated April 8, 1902, states that cholera is now epidemic in Honam; that the disease has about disappeared from the city of Canton, and that no cases of plague have as yet appeared. The local press of this city states that towns and country surrounding Canton are infected, and because of the absence of rain the prospect is unhopeful.

A cablegram, dated April 8, from the United States consul at Foochow, states, "No cholera or infectious disease Foochow."

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, May 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 5, 1902:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing diseases, malarial. Owing to the revolution in this section it is not possible to gather statistics. The town is virtually depopulated. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. No evidence of any infectious or contagious diseases. Communication with Port Limon virtually suspended. About 400 soldiers located here now; they came from various parts of the Republic. They are healthy so far as I can find out.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: April 30, steamship *Harald*, crew, 17; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. May 2, steamship *Mount Vernon*, crew, 20; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. May 3, steamship *Hispania*, crew, 22; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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